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SUBJ: TEGUCIGALPA 2780 RELATING TO WWII CLAIMS FROM
SEIZURE OF GERMAN EXTERNAL ASSETS

1. DEPT UNAWARE OF ANY CONSENT GIVEN TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RESPECTING AMENDING LAW 63 TO DEPRIVE HONDURAS OF BENEFIT OF THAT LAW. ARTICLE 3, LAW 63, PRECLUDES ANY CLAIM AGAINST "ANY GOVERNMENT OF A FOREIGN COUNTRY" ARISING OUT OF SEIZURE OF GERMAN ASSETS. HONDURAS IS NOT LISTED IN SCHEDULE OF COUNTRIES EXCLUDED FROM "FOREIGN COUNTRY" CATEGORY. HOWEVER, REQUEST EMBASSY BONN CHECK ITS FILES AND WITH APPROPRIATE GERMAN AUTHORITIES AND ADVISE EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA OF ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION.

2. FYI: AS EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA NOTES, CLAIM ALSO PRE-CLUDED BY PARAGRAPH 1, ARTICLE 3, CHAPTER VI, OF BONN SETTLEMENT CONVENTION. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE NOTED FRG HAS POSSIBILITY OF ACTING UNDER ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPH 1 ("WHERE NO DISPOSITION HAS BEEN MADE IN RESPECT TO THE
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PROCEEDS OF THEIR LIQUIDATION") OR PARAGRAPH 4 (DEALING

WITH NEGOTIATION AFTER DUE NOTIFICATION TO THREE POWERS
UNLESS THREE POWERS SPECIFICALLY OBJECT THERETO). WE
UNAWARE WHETHER PARAGRAPH 1 APPLICABLE AND HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE
HERE OF ANY NOTIFICATION OR ACTION TAKEN UNDER PARAGRAPH 4.
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